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SUBJ: MAKARIOS CRITICIZES U.S. POLICY, PRESS DISCUSSES BRUSSELS
AGREEMENT

1. MAKARIOS INTERVIEW: PRESIDENT MAKARIOS GAVE INTERVIEW
DECEMBER 11 TO GERMAN NEWSPAPER "RHEINISCHE POST" IN WHICH
HE DISCUSSED CYPRUS SITUATION. GOC PIO REPRINTED INTERVIEW,
AND MOST NICOSIA PAPERS FRONTPAGE IT PROMINENTLY
DECEMBER 18. WHEN ASKED ABOUT U.S. "ROLE" IN SITUATION,
MAKARIOS RESPONDED THAT USG "COULD EASILY HAVE PREVENTED
THE TURKISH INVASION OR AT LEAST ITS SECOND AND MORE DESTRUC-
TIVE PHASE. BUT IT FAILED TO DO SO AND, (THEREFORE), IT IS
NOT DEVOID OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PRESENT SITUATION IN
CYPRUS. I AM OF OPINION, HOWEVER, THAT FOR SOME TIME NOW
THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SHOWING AN ACTIVE INTEREST
IN THE FINDING OF AN EARLY SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS
PROBLEM, EVEN THOUGH I CANNOT SAY THAT I AM SATISFIED
WITH THE POLICY BEING FOLLOWED BY IT ON CYPRUS PROBLEM."

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2. WHEN ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE FUTURE ROLE OF EC-9, MAKARIOS RESPONDED THAT EC-9 "CAN CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO SOLUTION" OF PROBLEM BECAUSE IT "HAS PRACTICAL MEANS TO EXERT PRESSURE ON TURKEY TO COMPLY WITH UN RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS." MAKARIOS WENT ON TO SAY EC-9 INVOLVEMENT SHOULD BE WITHIN THE UN FRAMEWORK.

3. REGARDING BIZONAL SOLUTION, MAKARIOS SAID: "NEITHER A BIZONAL NOR A MULTI-REGIONAL FEDERAL SOLUTION CAN BE EXAMINED SEPARATELY AS THEY ARE VERY CLOSELY LINKED WITH MANY OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM, PARTICULARLY THE REFUGEE PROBLEM AND THE VIABILITY OF CYPRUS AS UNITARY AND INDEPENDENT STATE."

4. ASKED WHY RIGHT-WING "PUTSCHISTS" REMAIN FREE, MAKARIOS RESPONDED THAT "IT HAS NOT BEEN CONSIDERED EXPEDIENT TO BRING THE PUTSCHISTS TO TRIAL" BECAUSE "OFFERING AN OLIVE BRANCH (TO THEM) HAS CONTRIBUTED TO DEFUSION OF PASSIONS AND EASING OF TENSION...." HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE OLIVE BRANCH APPLIES TO PAST ACTIONS. IF "UNREPENTANT PUTSCHISTS" COMMIT ANY FUTURE ILLEGAL ACTS, "THERE WILL BE NO HESITATION IN PUNISHING THEM AND IN SUCH A CASE THEIR PAST RECORD WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION."

5. BRUSSELS: GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS CONTINUES DISCUSS BRUSSELS AGREEMENT, COMMENT RANGING FROM WARY APPROVAL BY CENTRISTS AND COMMUNIST PAPERS TO OUTRIGHT HOSTILITY BY EXTREME LEFT AND EXTREME RIGHT. PRO-MAKARIOS PHILELEFTHEROS, PRO-CLERIDES AGHON, COMMUNIST MARAVGHI ALL DECLARE THAT GREEK SIDE IS WILLING RETURN TO TALKS, BUT QUESTION TURKEY'S SINCERITY. THEY ALL WARN THAT TURKEY HAS NOT SHOWN ANY REAL CHANGE IN ITS "INTRANSIGENT ATTITUDE" AS YET AND SATISFACTORY OUTCOME OF NEW TALKS THUS HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE.

6. EXTREME RIGHT (MAKHI, MESIMVRINI) AND EXTREME LEFT (LYSSARIDES' TA NEA) ALL CRITICIZE BRUSSELS AGREEMENT BUT FOR DIFFERENT REASONS. RIGHT SEES AGREEMENT AS RETREAT BY GREEK SIDE. MAKHI WRITES DECEMBER 18 THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCEPTANCE OF TALKS NOW IS STEP BACK FROM EARLIER DEMAND THAT DENKTASH MUST FIRST PRESENT "CONCRETE AND REASONABLE" PROPOSALS BEFORE TALKS CAN BEGIN. TA NEA, ON OTHER HAND, FAULTS BRUSSELS AGREEMENT FOR BEING RETREAT FROM INTERNATIONALIZATION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM AS EXEMPLIFIED BY UNGA RESOLUTION 3395. IT ALSO AVERS THAT AGREEMENT IS PART OF NATO PLOT TO PRESENT TURKEY IN FAVORABLE LIGHT (THUS INSURING THAT U.S. CONGRESS WILL

CONTINUE PROVIDE TURKEY ARMS).
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